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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/808,184	RAJAGOPALAN ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Benjamin Packard	1612	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 October 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 11-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 13-20 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 11, 12 and 21-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Applicants' arguments, filed 10/23/08, have been fully considered. Rejections and/or objections not reiterated from previous office actions are hereby withdrawn. The following rejections and/or objections are either reiterated or newly applied. They constitute the complete set presently being applied to the instant application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112 – Written Description

Claims 11, 12, and 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

This rejection is maintained.

Applicants submitted a declaration from an independent third party to address the issues, namely that a person of ordinary skill in the art would know (1) the identity of a “bombesin receptor binding molecule” by structure as well as by function, (2) whether and where a “receptor binding molecule” would attach to a methane group, (3) whether the receptor binding molecule must have a peptide chain, and (4) if it did not have a peptide chain, how the receptor binding molecule would bind.

On page 2 of the declaration, where Dr. Buolamwini states "It is my opinion that putting the invention together and using it as described requires a level of experimentation that is reasonable for one skilled in the art; it is not 'undue'." The affidavit then goes on to describe how it would be easy to determine which peptides are effective for binding to bombesin receptors. It is noted, this is a written description rejection, not a scope of enablement, where undue experimentation is not a factor to be

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considered. For the written description requirement, the question is whether a sufficient number of species are disclosed such that one of skill in the art would envision what compounds fit this class. Similar to the facts of Univ. of Rochester v G.D. Searle, the general class of peptides is known and a limited number of bombesin receptor binding molecules are known, but there is no description that distinguishes the broad class of peptides, or other possible molecules, from those which do not have the required function. Where such a link lacks, experimentation would be required, as admitted by Dr. Buolamwini, evidencing the Applicants were not in possession of the broader class of compounds of the genus.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

Claims 11, 12, and 21-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sykes et al (US 6,313,274) in view of Pinney et al (Biochemistry, Vol 30, No 9 1991, pp 2421-2431).

This rejection is maintained.

Applicants assert Sykes teaches away from any other use of arylazides because they disclose it has been used to immobilize an antigen or antibody on a support.

Examiner notes that while Sykes et al differentiates from Noujaim based on the photoactivation of the antibody rather than the aromatic azido derivative, such a limitation is not in the instant claims. The instant claims are simply directed to a phototherapy, generally, which could include the photoactivation of either component. Thus, one would still be motivated to apply the teaching of Noujaim as disclosed by

Sykes to attach an aromatic azido derivative for the purpose of making a compound where the azide may be photolyzed after accumulating on the receptor.

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin Packard whose telephone number is 571-270-3440. The examiner can normally be reached on M-R 8-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frederick Krass can be reached on 571-272-0580. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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